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### THE DELAWARE REPUBLICANS

The true and honest Republicans of Delaware are again face to face with the question whether they will surrender their manhood and bow to the flagitious and long-continued attempt to dominate and prostitute the State through corruption and coercion.

For years they have steadfastly fought a noble battle for political integrity and public decency. There has been political debauchery elsewhere; but now here else has there been an avowed effort to buy a state and degrade a people so prolonged, so audacious, so brazen, so unblushing. Thus far, against all this malign power, the brave and many Republicans of Delaware have successfully resisted it.

The situation to-day is just what it has been for some years. The true Regular Republicans have strength enough in the Legislature to defeat the corrupt Senatorial conspiracy. Is there any reason why they should abate a single jot of their resistance?

When Addicks had only three members of the Legislature under his control he notified the Republicans that they must choose him Senator or Nobody, and so prevented an election. When there were two vacancies and the Regular Republicans offered to name a list of ten from which the other side could choose one, and to choose one themselves from any list of ten the other side might name, Addicks again answered that it must be Addicks or nobody. When it came to a question of re-electing the Republican representative in Congress this year, Addicks put up another candidate expressly to beat him and elect a Democrat.

To Addicks party claims and public obligations have been equally a matter of contempt. He has not scrupled to use all his ill-gotten strength for his own ends in defiance of right and morals. Who can condemn the true Republicans for using their honest and honorable strength in defense of right and morals? It is said that Addicks' candidate for Congress had more votes than the Regular Republican candidate? But the latter had the unbought vote and the whole moral force of the Republican party.

"This contest is greater than Delaware. In a peculiar and pre-eminent degree it is the fight between public corruption and public honesty. The eyes of the country are on it. So far as we have observed, outside of the Delaware papers controlled by Addicks there is only one Republican paper in the United States that upholds Addicks or that does not urge the Regular Republicans to do all in their power to defeat him.

"The question is primarily one of the true Republicans of Delaware, but the rest of us cannot be indifferent to it. The Press desires to see Republicans stand together when it can be done consistently with public integrity and honor, but it cannot in conscience give any counsel to those who have so long and faithfully defended the cause of honest politics in Delaware except to fight out their battles to the end."  
—Philadelphia Press.

MR. ADDICKS, not satisfied with the political harry-carry in which he had already involved himself, must needs rush into an interview, replete with untruth, in which he attacks Senator Higgins.

No man in Delaware has so thorough a knowledge of the political history of the state, down to its minutest detail, as does Anthony Higgins. His reply to Mr. Addicks was published in an interview by the *Morning News*, on the 19th inst. and since re-published in all the leading journals of the east.

If Mr. Addicks had sufficient comprehension to imagine the danger that lies in prodding a sleeping lion, he would have kept his hands off. Senator Higgins' interview indicates the ground upon which all his friends knew he stood, and he has rightly spoken at the right time, and what he has said will strongly tell in coming events.

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### A GOOD MOVE

A farmer's institute is to be held under the auspices of Harmony Grange in the oratory of Delaware College on December 1st, to consider the question of public road improvement. If the proper interest is shown and encouragement given, a bill will be drafted and presented to the Legislature early in the session. The institute will have three sessions. In the morning Henry L. Budd, who has had charge as engineer of the improvement of the roads of New Jersey will have charge and tell of the system used in his state with such good results. In the afternoon Francis M. Walker will be in charge and explain the legal requirements to be met and how to meet them. An expert from the U. S. Bureau of Good Roads will also be in attendance to tell of the National government's work along this line. In the evening the lectures will be illustrated by stereopticon views.

This promises to be an important as well as an interesting gathering, and it is to be hoped that those who are interested in the subject will attend in large numbers. The grange is the proper body to take the lead in this matter, as the farmer more than any other class, is, or should be concerned over the condition of the roads he has to use daily. Probably no other organization could handle the question without more or less politics being injected therein, and it is of the utmost importance that the discussion and enactment of any law relating to our roads be free of partisan bias.

THAT any set of men, sufficiently sane as to be permitted to remain out-side of a lunatic asylum, could continue to make such a series of political blunders as those committed by Mr. Addicks and his friends for the past ten years, seems incredible. The candidacy of Mr. Byrne was of itself sufficient to destroy whatever chance Mr. Addicks had of success up to that time, and we truly believe that if his worst enemy could have had the choice of the means with which to compass his defeat, he would have marked out the very course chosen by the Union Republicans.

If the opposition to Mr. Addicks' aspirations needed anything to intensify it, the lack was supplied in the reappointment of Mr. Byrne. But the mystery lies in the fact that Mr. Byrne should have wanted to go back.

### DELAWARE WELL REPRESENTED

Delaware is well represented among the students at the West Chester State Normal School. The list includes Frances Aspril, Odessa; D. Edward Atwell, Townsend; J. Raymond Gildersleeve, Camden; Jennie L. Jump, Farmington; Edna J. Lilley, Newark; Rosette McCrone, Middletown; Mary C. McGonigle, New Castle; Essie A. McKoon, Newark; Sylvia Moore, Middletown; Mabel McMullen and Nan C. Skinner, Glasgow; Alpha F. Smith, New Castle; Stella C. Taylor, Felton; Essie M. Toman, New Castle; Essie M. Trux, New Castle; Mary E. Trux, Middletown; Hattie M. Vinyard, Harrington; Robert B. Walker, Hockessin; Mortimer C. Whitehead, Lincoln City.

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### SASSAFRAS ITEMS

Oysters are selling on Swan Point bar at 60 and 65 cents per bushel.

Miss Trella Dreka left on Wednesday to visit friends near Mt. Pleasant.

Alexander T. Laws visited friends in Chestertown on Sunday and Monday last.

Dowey Park closed for the season on Wednesday night after a successful year.

Mrs. Sutton, of near Locust Grove, is visiting her relatives, Mr. Jacob T. Shallcross.

Twenty-two turkeys were stolen from the poultry yard of William Beale, at Townsend recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sylvester entertained for tea, Rev. Mr. Shipman on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Theresa Shallcross returned Tuesday from Philadelphia after an absence of several months.

Mr. Louis Dreka, Jr., visited Philadelphia relatives several days last week, returning home on Monday.

The steamer Susquehanna will run on the Sasafra River to Baltimore until the steamer Sasafra is finished.

Mr. Charles Griffith, of near Cecilton, was the guest of his father, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Griffith on Saturday.

Revival services are being held in the old brick M. E. Church every evening. All are cordially invited to attend.

The members of the "Green Valley Spring Hunting Club," will make their annual visit to Chestertown this week.

Mr. William Chamberlain, of Philadelphia, is the guest of his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dreka at "Water Ledge."

Mr. and Mrs. William Spry and daughter, Miss Oran, of near Galena, were entertained by his parents here on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Spry were the guests of their son, Mr. and Mrs. William Spry below Galena on Saturday last.

Rev. Charles Morris and Mrs. Sheppard Morris were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard Morris, of Sasafra, on Wednesday.

The young men of Still Pond, gave a delightful Autumn dance at the Chesapeake House at Berton on Friday evening last.

Rev. Charles Morris, of near Chestertown, is being entertained by his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard Morris, near Gots, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Strady, of Sasafra, have been entertaining their daughter, Mrs. W. Strady and children, for the past week.

We are pleased to state the improvement in Mr. L. Arthur Ford, who has been under treatment at the hospital for some weeks in Baltimore.

Mrs. Stephen H. Ford, of Ford's Landing, entertained the "Kent Card Club," most royally on Thursday evening last at her beautiful home on the Elk river.

Owing to injuries received by Rev. R. K. Stephenson by falling from his bicycle on Tuesday last, there were no services in the Elkton M. E. Church on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Griffith were entertained by his son, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Griffith, of near Cecilton, from Saturday evening until Monday morning.

Mrs. Rachel Strady and two children, Mrs. John Johnston and children, were the guests of their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Biggs, of near Chesapeake City, from Saturday until Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Spry were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Rogers, of near Chestertown, on Thursday last.

Mrs. Mark Rogers was our former popular and greatly beloved teacher here, and made her home while teaching for nearly three years, with Mrs. William H. Spry, of Sasafra.

SHAD APPEARS IN DELAWARE BAY

Fair-sized shad have made their appearance in the Delaware Bay last week and fishermen have caught several in the Cohansey Creek and other tributaries of the bay, while seeking for other fish.

Their unexpected advent is believed to have been due to the recent warm weather and the gales at sea. Michael Howlett, one of the largest fish dealers of Philadelphia, stated that he had heard of the catch, but was unable to account for the presence of the fish. Another catch of 20 shad further down the bay was also reported.

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No such methods prevail at Oak Hall. Our "latch string hangs out." Your money's yours, any time. We would rather keep our good name than your money.

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Experience and ability has placed the Parker Gun in an enviable and well-deserved position as the BEST GUN IN THE WORLD. Made by the oldest shot-gun manufacturers in the world. Over 110,000 of these guns in use. Send for Catalogue.

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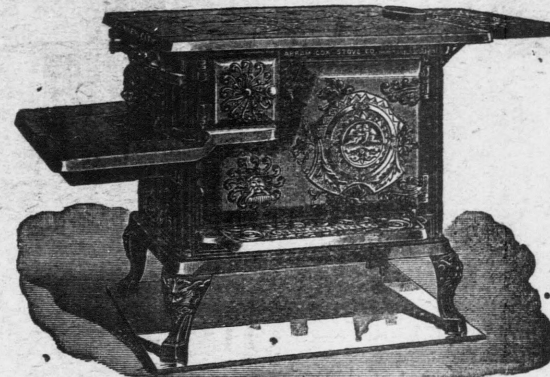
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AIR-TIGHT STOVES of Every Discription.

YOU CANNOT BEAT OUR PRICES OR OUR STOVES.

## Blankets and Robes!

CARRIAGE and STABLE BLANKETS! PLUSH and FUR ROBES!

We wish to call your attention to the merits of the Imitation Buffalo Robes that we are handling, which, although an imitation, are in reality as useful as the genuine Buffalo Robe. Being made of suitable material, they furnish an excellent substitute for them. The Robe is without seams, handsome, warm, durable and water-proof; is lined with a nice Astrakhan lining and has an interlining of rubber drill to make it both wind and water proof. With ordinary care it will last from ten to fifteen years, will shed the water better and dry quicker than genuine fur robes and never get hard.

J. F. McWHORTER & SON, MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE.

## BUILDERS OF HOMES

We are builders of homes—not houses. Many cozy homes are being furnished complete from this store. We are adding many new customers to our long list of patrons, and there is a reason for it—nothing sold here but reliable goods, and that is why one customer brings in another new one; and the new one is surprised to find such a store with the large stock of high-grade goods at popular prices.

GOODS DELIVERED FREE.

### THE NATIONAL SPRING

We have taken the agency for this city of the National Wire Spring—the oldest and best spring bed on the market to-day. Some are all iron and some have wood sides.

\$4.00, \$5.00, \$7.00.

We are pleased to offer this spring on trial—try it, and if you like it, keep it, otherwise say so and we take it back.

### BEDROOM STANDS

Perfectly plain, straight, with drawer—in three sizes and three woods, maple, mahogany and oak.

\$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.00

### PARLOR SUITS

A great showing of parlor suits—and if you do not see on the sample room floor just what you want, select your covers and we will make you the suit to your own order at no extra expense to you. This week we have many reduced ones.

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\$30.00 from \$40.00

35.00 from 45.00

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50.00 from 65.00

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65.00 from 75.00

70.00 from 85.00

90.00 from 110.00

### COUCHES

A special among the many reduced ones is one at \$13.50, with seven rows tufting, others are

\$ 7.50 from \$10.00

11.00 from 13.50

12.00 from 15.50

14.00 from 18.00

21.00 from 25.50

### CHIFFONIERS

Five drawer chiffoniers, with and without hat boxes, \$5.00 and \$5.50

NINTH, KING AND FRENCH STREETS



## None Too Soon to Think About Christmas

Many wise customers are selecting their goods for Christmas now. We advocate this plan, as better attention can be given to your wants now, before the rush and you have better selections. Any articles selected now will be stored free of charge and delivered when best suited to your ideas. Christmas presents are nicely wrapped up and cards put on with white ribbon and holly

RAILROAD FARE PAID.

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### CARPETS

During the past week our carpet buyer has paid his semi-annual visit to the big mills, to purchase and select patterns for next season; prices are to be higher on the new goods. But this big stock will continue to be sold at the little prices we have been asking.

This week we offer many specially low-priced carpets.

### 48c TAPESTRY

A good tapestry brussels carpet in pleasing designs, worth regularly 60c, for this week, 48c. Made, laid and lined free.

### 85c TAPESTRY, 65c

The best 10 wire tapestry brussels usual price 85c, for this week 65c. Made, laid and lined free.

### \$1.00 VELVETS, 75c

Good serviceable velvet carpets that are

worth regularly \$1.00, for this week 75c. Made, laid and lined free.

### \$1.30 VELVETS, \$1.00

Handsome Velvet carpets that have sold for \$1.30, this week \$1.00. Made, laid and lined free.

### AXMINSTERS, 85c

Beautiful Axminster parlor carpets that have been \$1.10, for this week 85c. Made, laid and lined free.

### ALL WOOLS, 60c

Best grade all-wool extra-super Carpets that have been 80c, for this week, 60c. Made, laid and lined free.

### GRASS MATTING

Several different designs in Grass Matting, one and two yards wide, 40c per square yard.

### Drapery Department

We get busier in this department every day. Many novelties as well as the staple things are being shown.

### DRAPERY CURTAINS

We are nicely fixed now for curtain hangings. More good men have been secured. We do anything in drapery; sketch a design and execute the work.

### PORTIERES

From \$1.95 to \$25.00 per pair for the ready-made ones. Among the unusual ones is a good tapestry in several colors, fringed top and bottom, \$2.50 from \$4, and mercerized curtains, \$5 from \$9.

### 95c FROM \$1.50

Ruffled Fish Net Curtains in several good designs, with full lace ruffle at 95c. But two hundred and fifty pairs in the lot.

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Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:  
North Bound—7:30, 8:30 and 10:20 a. m.  
South Bound—7:30, 8:30 and 10:20 a. m.  
For Odessa, 7:30, 8:30 and 10:20 a. m.; 2:30, 3:30 and 5:30 p. m.

Matinees as Follows:  
Going North—7:30 a. m., 10:30 a. m., 2:30 and 5:30 p. m.  
Going South—7:30 a. m., 10:30 a. m., 2:30 and 5:30 p. m.  
For Warwick, Cecilton, Eastville and Sumner—7:30 a. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., NOV. 22, 1902.

### Local News.

Cake Coupon on Jones & Bradley's Bread.

Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F. Ingram's.

Bread Coupons on every loaf of Jones & Bradley's Bread.

TRESPASSERS NOTICES printed and for sale at this office.

TO LOAN.—\$1,000. Address Lock Box 264, Middletown, Del.

Reserve Bread Coupons. See Jones & Bradley's ad. in another column.

FOR SALE.—150 Feet Stone Curbing J. B. Messick.

Dr. W. E. Barnard, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

Ten of the largest business firms employ seventy of the graduates of Goldie College.

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WANTED.—A woman for Factory work. Good Pay. Steady work for right one. J. C. PARKER & SON Co.

There will be a sale of cakes, candies, biscuits, etc., this afternoon and evening at the rooms of the Public Library, over the post office. Proceeds for the benefit of the Library.

Until further notice the Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesday afternoon, from 3:30 to 5; Saturday afternoon, from 3 to 5; Saturday evenings, from 7 to 8:30.

Mr. Walter Monroe has received the contract to paint and paper the three new dwellings that are to be erected on East Main street, adjoining the new dwellings of Miss Bessie Anderson.

"The Folks up Willow Creek" is a delightful blending of comedy, sentiment, sensation and music. Its variety pleases everyone. At the Opera House, one night only, Monday evening, November 24th.

Mr. John E. Ginn is preparing the new dwelling of Mr. Thomas Lattomus in Townsend. Mr. Ginn has also contracted with Mr. James L. Dickinson of the same town to paper several rooms in the Townsend Hotel.

The New Century Club's program for next Tuesday afternoon is: "The First Thanksgiving." Mrs. Richard Cann; Story, Miss Laura Willis; reading, "Sky Pilot." Miss Susie Ellison; recitation, Miss Mary Shalleross.

We carry the largest stock of stoves in town; sell at a guarantee, subject to trial. See our ad. in this issue for the names of the leaders that will always be found in stock subjects to your order.

J. F. McWHORTER & SON.

Unclaimed Remains.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending Nov. 13th: Miss Helen Barnett, Miss Henna Pratt, (Postal Card) Mrs. John H. Warren, Mrs. Sam Wilson, Mrs. Janie Wood.

"Rebecca's Triumph," a drama in three acts, will be presented at the Middletown Opera House on Thanksgiving night, November 27th, under the auspices of the Ladies' Mite Society of the M. E. Church. An oyster supper will be served by the ladies.

ESTIMATES made on every job of PAPER-HANGING with pleasure, and will insure the price lower than the lowest. Large assortment of samples to select from. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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WANTED.—A working farmer with a small family to work a farm of 150 acres on the third. A good chance for an industrious poor man, but only a first class man need apply. Give full particulars.

JOHN NIVEN.

Newark, Del.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Thanksgiving and Thanks-giving." Psa. 116:12-17; Jas. 1:27. Leader, Mrs. V. W. Massey.

The Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church and the Forest Presbyterian Church will hold a Union Thanksgiving service on next Thursday morning, November 27th, at 10:30 o'clock, the Rev. C. T. Wyatt will preach the sermon. The collection will be for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Thanksgiving and Thanks-giving." Psa. 116:12-17; Jas. 1:27. Leader, Miss Annie Ellison.

Mr. J. C. Green has made a great improvement to his blacksmith shop on East Main street. He has fitted up a building in the rear of his wheelwright shop, 22x34 feet, and will use the new building as a blacksmith shop, which will give him the entire front building for his wheelwright business. Mr. Green proposes to greatly increase the volume of business at the East End shops during the coming year.

A general change in the train schedule on the Delaware railroad will go into effect about December 1st; when two or more new trains will be added and the public have better train service. What is needed even more than all other things to improve the conditions of railroading in Delaware to the entire Delaware railroad tracking of the entire Delaware railroad from Delmar to Wilmington—which would relieve the freight congestion and consequent delay of freight trains reaching New York in time for the early market.

One thousand square yards of special scenery, all on a magnificent scale and adjustable to any sized stage, is carried by the Frank Davidson company. This assures absolute scenic perfection to "The Folks up Willow Creek," and will virtually make an entire new stage in our Opera House, all of the stock scenery being removed. Such a display of mechanical effects was never before attempted, and is well worth seeing. The date is Monday evening, November 24th.

Mr. William E. Potts, of Wilmington, has been in this vicinity for several days working in the interest of a firm who desire to get the right of way between this town and Odessa for a trolley road.

At a meeting of the Town Council of Odessa some days since, the right of way of the streets of that town was given to the company represented by A. T. Tennis, of Philadelphia, and a meeting of the Town Council of Middletown, to consider the matter was held on Monday evening.

We understand the matter will soon be brought up by the council again.

During the week three carloads of anthracite coal have arrived at the depot in this town. The first car load arrived Tuesday morning for the railroad station, and on Thursday County Commissioners M. N. Willis received a car load containing about 23 tons. The last car was consigned to ex-Clerk of Peace J. B. Ford, and arrived Tuesday.

When our people noticed the loaded wagons of hard coal passing through our street there was a rush for the offices of the coal dealers, but they were informed the coal had been bought by individuals. So far the dealers have not succeeded in having any of their orders filled, but in all probability some of them will receive a few car loads during the coming week. Oh! let it be soon.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Lillie Scott was in Philadelphia on Tuesday.

Miss Lizzie Price is visiting her mother at Cecilton.

Mr. Roy Roberts, of Dover, spent Sunday in town.

Miss Myrtle Houston is visiting Baltimore relatives.

Mrs. C. P. Gears, of Smyrna, was in town on Thursday.

Mrs. G. B. Pearson has been visiting Ridley Park friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jolls were New Castle visitors Sunday.

Mr. A. M. Brown, of Boston, Mass., was the guest of relatives here over Sunday.

Mr. Charles Jones, of New York City, spent Sunday with his parents on East Main street.

Miss Adeline Johnson has returned home after a month's visit in Wilmington and Philadelphia.

Mrs. E. S. Jones and Mrs. Margaret Darlington and son, Reese, spent Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Mr. W. H. Parker has been confined to his bed for the past week suffering from an attack of la grippe.

Messrs. Orion Sutton, of St. Georges and Charles Caus, of Kirkwood, spent Sunday evening in town.

Mr. Charles Craddock, of the Philadelphia Record, spent several days this week with W. B. Kates and family.

Mr. John H. Parvis, who has been in the United States Naval service for the past three years has been released from further service, and returned to his home in this town on Saturday last looking exceedingly well.

AUTUMN WEDDINGS

SCHRIVER-LOCKWOOD

A pretty wedding took place at the residence of Mrs. Elizabeth Lockwood near Warwick, Md., on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when her daughter Miss Agnes Irene Lockwood, became the wife of Mr. Walter H. Schriver, a prosperous young farmer of McDonough.

They were united in marriage by the Rev. W. J. Wilkie, of this town. The bride was given in a handsome brown travelling costume. Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held, when Mr. and Mrs. Schriver received the congratulations of their relatives and friends. The bride was the recipient of many handsome and useful presents.

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MISS ADELIN COCHRAN MIFFLIN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Mifflin, formerly of Middletown, and Mr. Mulford Hunting Center, were married in the Walnut Street Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Tuesday night, Rev. Stephen W. Dana officiated. The bride was given away by her father and attended by a matron of honor, Mrs. Charles M. R. Whitely, and the following bridesmaids: Miss Bertie E. Clark, of Delaware City; Miss Anne Gause, of Wilmington; Miss Grace K. Tribby, of Easton; Miss Katherine C. Cochran, of Lancaster. The best man was Henry R. Center, of Worcester, Mass. The ushers were: Thomas Sproule, J. Liddon, Pennock, Pelegre, Coates, George Moore, Dr. William C. Marsh, of Philadelphia, and W. F. Metten, of Wilmington. After the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's home, No. 4437 Spruce street, Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Center will be at home there the second and third Tuesdays in December.

HIGH SCHOOL LITERARY SOCIETY

The Literary Society held their regular meeting in room No. 3, on Friday last. There were several omissions in the program prepared by the committee. There will be no regular meeting until Wednesday, November 26th, when a special program appropriate to Thanksgiving will be rendered. All persons and friends of the school are invited to attend.

The following is the program to be rendered: "America,".....School Reading, "First Thanksgiving,".....Susan Arthur Recitation, "Thanksgiving,".....Four Girls Recitation, "The Miller,".....School Recitation, "When the Frost is on the Pumpkin,".....Ernest Sirman Recitation, "Give Thanks,".....Victor Jones

Prudence Lewis Reading, "Thanksgiving,".....Helen Rowe School Reading, "Thanks,".....Sonia Ford Recitation, "The Smack in School,".....Jean Metten Recitation, "Little Willie,".....May Kumpel

School Reading, "Good Night,".....School V. H. Jones, G. W. Allen, Press Com.

### ST. GEORGES ITEMS

H. C. Clark spent Monday in Wilmington.

Mrs. W. T. Hoopes spent Thursday in Wilmington.

Orlando Sutton was a Wilmington visitor on Monday.

Mrs. Joseph Crossland is spending this week at Kirkwood.

Miss Elizabeth Riley visited Middletown on Saturday.

Ernest Janvier, of Wilmington, was a visitor here on Friday.

Miss Mary Roberts spent Sunday with friends in Wilmington.

Theodore Jones and wife have returned from a visit to Wilmington.

Mrs. H. C. Smith and son, visited Middletown friends on Wednesday.

Mrs. Miles Clark and son, Ralph, spent part of last week in Wilmington.

John Lester and family, of Montchanin, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mrs. J. R. Milligan and daughter, Mrs. Roemmel, are visiting in Wilmington.

Miss Lucy Lester who has been seriously ill for ten days is convalescent.

Ira McNamee, of Chester, Pa., has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Laura Jones.

J. F. McWhorter, of Middletown, was the guest of friends near town on Friday.

Mrs. Charles Roemmel, of Richmond, Va., is visiting her parents at the Manse.

Mrs. A. N. Sutton is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Bright at Delaware City.

Mrs. J. H. Geoghegan and Miss Julia Paynter visited Middletown on Monday.

Mrs. William Raby, of London Grove, Pa., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. George Hill.

Miss Violet Gray spent Saturday with her aunt, Mrs. Anne Deputy at Bowersville.

John Lewis, of Wilmington, is the guest of H. C. Doleen and family near town.

Mrs. Alida Jones entertained Mrs. John Vandegrift, of Port Penn, on Saturday.

George Thompson, of Bowersville, visited her aunt, Mrs. Clark Thompson on Sunday.

J. W. Carrow and wife, and Mrs. James White visited relatives in Wilmington on Monday.

Mrs. Maria Racine, of Porters, was the guest of James Paynter and family on Monday.

C. M. Riley spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pool, near McDonough.

Miss Clara Elliott, of Summit Bridge, was entertained by H. C. Smith and family on Sunday.

Miss Gertrude Swain, of Middletown, spent Sunday with her parents, George Swain and wife.

James Taylor, wife and son, of Reading, Pa., spent Sunday with his parents, James Taylor and wife.

Edgar Swain and wife had as over Sunday guests, her brother, Fred Stapleford and family, of Wilmington.

Miss Annie Snick and brother, Phineas Snick, of Canton, N. J., are paying a visit to Miss Rachel Cleaver.

Rev. J. H. Geoghegan visited Rev. John Arters at Odessa on Friday and preached for him that evening.

Miss Sarah Belleville, of Wilmington, and Miss Anna Ellison, of Glasgow, spent part of last week with friends here.

Mrs. William Crompton and Miss Lillie Deputy, of Bowersville, were guests of Mr. J. Gray and wife part of last week.

Mrs. S. W. Hopkins and son, Robert, of Wilmington, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lester.

Mrs. Charles Bender and daughter, spent several days this week with relatives in Philadelphia and Camden, N. J.

Rev. S. O. Gibbons occupied the pulpit of the M. E. Church on Sunday evening, Rev. J. H. Geoghegan preaching at Kirkwood.

Misses Mabel Stewart and Annie Winslow and Master William Stewart, of New Castle, spent Sunday with Miss Elizabeth Riley.

Miss Margaret Clark who has been under treatment in Jefferson Hospital, returned home on Saturday very much improved.

Owing to the scarcity of coal the Presbyterians will hold october prayer meetings, the first one being held at the Manse on Friday evening.

The festival and supper given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church on Friday and Saturday evenings was a great success, the net proceeds amounting to \$111.

Messrs. H. C. Clark, Cleaver Bryan, J. C. Crossland, Joseph Heisel and William Kings attended the wedding of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., in Wilmington on Wednesday.

Messrs. J. C. Stuckert, A. N. Sutton, William Cox, H. C. Doleen, John Lewis and T. J. Lewis went on a gunning trip near Taylor's Bridge on Tuesday and succeeded in bagging forty-five rabbits.

Richard Crossland and family entertained at a home party last week Mrs. J. Smith, of Snow Hill, Md.; Mrs. Edward Phillips, of Townsend; Mr. and Mrs. Perry and Miss Clarissa Richards, of Wilmington.

The social event of the season was the birthday party given by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Carrow, Jr., in honor of their daughter, Miss Harriet, arriving at the eighteenth milestone in life's journey. The house was beautifully decorated with potted plants and chrysanthemums. The evening was pleasantly spent in games and music. A very handsome collation was served consisting of ice cream, cake, fruit and confections. Guests were present from Philadelphia, Wilmington, Delaware City, Kirkwood, St. Georges and the surrounding country and numbered over a hundred. Miss Harriet was the recipient of a great many handsome presents.

CECILTON SIFTINGS

Mrs. Ellen Hall spent Monday with Mrs. Lewis King near Warwick.

Mr. Lewis Drake, of Sassafras, spent Sunday with Camden friends.

Two young lads of town spent awhile with the gypsies on Sunday.

Miss Clara Manlove was entertained by Miss Edith Alderson on Thursday.

Miss Mary Etherington is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Sidney Phelps, of Baltimore.

Miss Annie Pearson, of Elkton, was the guest of the Misses McCoy on Sunday last.

Miss Rena Price spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Mattie Lynch in Warwick.

Messrs. Irving Burke and William H. Jones will spend a few days this week in Baltimore.

Miss Mary Etherington entertained her cousins, Messrs. Edwin and Newlyn Rosell, of New Jersey, last week.

### WARWICK HAPPENINGS

Mr. Pyle, of the Manor, spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. Daisy Day is much improved at this writing.

Mr. J. H. M. Garner spent Thursday at Millington, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wilson were callers in town Sunday.

Mr. R. D. Aiken was a Philadelphia visitor last Monday.

Harry Manlove, of Centerville, Md., spent Sunday at home.

William Johns was on a flying visit to Wilmington last Saturday.

Mrs. Anne Wilson has returned home after a short stay at Elk Neck.

Miss Bessie Merritt was on a visit to Baltimore a few days of last week.

Miss Elmore Finley, of Appleton, Md., was the guest of Mrs. Wilson Merritt part of last week.

Revel services every evening next week. The public is cordially invited to be present each evening.

Quiet a number attend the dance at Dewey Park last Wednesday evening. We understand it was the final dance of the season.

Junior Christian Endeavor to-morrow P. M. at 2 o'clock. Senior Endeavor at 7:30 P. M. Topic: "Thanks-giving and Thanks-giving." Psa. 116:12-17; Jas. 1:27.

TOWNSEND NOTES

The revival services at Blackbird are increasing in interest.

Mrs. D. P. Hutchison visited friends in Little Rock last week.

Capt. Evans, of the Wilmington police force, is visiting Mr. John Townsend.

Rev. C. C. Morris, of Finney Neck, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Ella Watts.

Mr. J. A. Lockerman and wife spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents.

The Ladies' Aid, of Townsend, met at the home of Mrs. Walter Money on Tuesday.

The Lecture of Madame Barakat in the Townsend M. E. Church was well attended.

Mrs. Newman, of Wilmington, was a guest of Mrs. W. A. Scott several days last week.

Miss Anna Sharpless spent Saturday and Sunday at her home near Landenberg, Pa.

Mr. Harry Stidam, of Wilmington, is spending the week at Mr. Samuel Derickson's gunning.

Miss Lillian Hart spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Whitehouse, of Wilmington.

Mrs. William Scott and Miss Maude Smith, of Middletown, visited Mrs. L. L. Maloney several days last week.

Mr. Thomas Lattomus' new residence is nearing completion and he expects to move into it soon. Mr. Lattomus will have one of the prettiest and most comfortable homes in town.

WELL PLEASED

The following letter explains why the Fifteenth-Year Distribution Policy issued by The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York is so popular.

CLARKSVILLE, DEL., October 30, 1902.

Mr. HAZARD N. FINE, Manager, The Mutual Life Ins. Co. of New York, Wilmington, Del.

DEAR SIR:—Please accept my thanks for the check of \$196.98, this day handed me by your Special Agent, Mr. G. C. Radcliff.

My policy, No. 308,375, you will note was issued on October 11, 1887, on the Fifteen-Year Distribution Plan, at age thirty-seven, with an annual premium of \$43, the total amount paid in being \$445, so that the net cost of the paid-up policy of \$1,000 which I now hold, and on which there will be paid me a dividend each year during the balance of my life, is only \$445.02. The feature that I particularly like about my policy is that the longer I live the more I get, and that during the balance of my life there is nothing more for me to pay.

Thanking you for the prompt payment of this dividend, I beg to remain, Yours very truly,

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Timothy Seed \$2.65 " " " " " " " " " "

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CONNECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEY.

Eggs, per doz.....25/28 Country Butter, per lb.....24/28

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If there is anyone in this neighborhood who doesn't know just why we're doing such a large business in Middletown, let him buy here just once. We handle no goods that we are not willing to back with our guarantee.

We do not claim to be the cheapest store, nor do we claim to be more reliable than some other stores, as we know nothing about them, but are willing to stand by our goods and prices, and will certainly give the money back if wanted.

Ladies' and Men's Shoes from \$1.00 up to \$8.00. All worth every cent you pay for them.

Misses', Boys' and Children's Shoes. All Sizes on hand.

SPECIAL!

A lot of slippers to be sold at half price this week.

JOS. BERKMAN,

EAST MAIN STREET, MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

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## BARIS & FOGEL,

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

An intelligent understanding by the public of the simple facts is all we ask or wish. The facts appeal to the thoughtful, and the thoughtful will find here unequal economies. Stop—think—do you realize what it means to buy goods at city prices near home, without charges for delivery? A personal review of the stocks, and a glance at the price cards will startle you. You can only know by coming to the store. It is one sure test, and the only measure you have to gauge the bargains.

Rare Bargains in Women's Tailor-made Suits at \$11.75.

Suits of all wool Venetian Cloth, made in stylish Blouse effects. Also Norfolk Suits made of the stylish and effective Zibelines. Regular \$20 garments, \$11.75.

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These are elegant, stylish, well-made, the product of one of the best man-tailoring concerns in New York City. They are worth up to \$12.00. We mark them \$6.75 while the lot lasts. Remember, among these are Short Jackets, Box Coats and Moule Carlos.

Fine Silk and Flannel Shirtwaists.

Made of Genuine Peau de Soie and French Flannels, \$1.50 to \$3.50.



# "Sweet Peas"

BY MARY R. P. HATCH.

CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK

"Ere upon you!" wrote Portia. "I'll be bound you have wound your fascinating meshes about this young man until he knows not how to break away. But I dare affirm he has not tried very hard. He is a gentle young man, and his friend, Lieutenant Digby, speaks most excellently of him. I doubt he will not speak true, and Priscilla when you visit us, I shall doubtless have opportunities that I do not now of seeing him often," etc., etc.

Priscilla went down to the landing and helped Prudence draw up and secure the boat, then the girls went up to the house together. Strange stories were told of the doctor's harsh treatment of his niece.

She was a pale, delicate girl of eighteen, with light-brown hair and blue eyes, and a quiet, almost shrinking manner. Left an orphan when a child, she had come to live with her uncle, who was also her guardian and the custodian of her fortune, which was a large one. If she died before coming of age, it would go to the doctor, and there were those among the gossip of the neighborhood who said they should not wonder to hear of her death at any time; and, indeed, the doctor's character was such as to make him feared and suspected by many who would not dare treat him to his face with aught but courtesy. He was a skillful physician, never neglecting a midnight call from even the poorest patient, and so far as his profession went, above reproach. But such was the fear he inspired that the gossip, in view of the fact that they might sometime be at his mercy on a bed of sickness, were careful to keep their opprobrious words within safe limits.

## CHAPTER II

The doctor had accepted the fact of Jock's flight with the utmost calmness, and kept up a continuous chain of inquiry and search which he felt must discover his whereabouts, and then—At this point the doctor shut his teeth tightly together and a steely glitter came to his eyes, which boded no good to Jock. Whether he mistrusted the Browns of having anything to do with his flight they never knew. Bland and smiling as ever, he omitted not a jot of his courtesy towards them, but Priscilla always felt guilty when she met him and was glad that he had sent Prudence for the mail instead of coming himself.

The river had cleared out but the night before and there were pieces of ice floating down which made the passage across one of danger. Mrs. Brown thought of this and of the whispering behind the doctor's back, and she wondered if he would indeed be glad to have her down so that he might get her money. Her greeting was so motherly and tender that Prudence said almost brightly:

"I do so love to come here; you are all so happy, when at our house even the fire will not burn brightly. This side of the river is pleasant than ours; the hills are so high that the sun goes down over there two hours earlier, and that makes it come dark soon. I wish I lived on this side."

"It wish so too, dearie. But were you not afraid to cross with all that floating ice in the river?"

"A little, but then I was willing to risk something to come here. Besides, uncle asked me to come, as he was busy, and he asked me so pleasantly that I was anxious to oblige him. I was afraid once and I called back to him, but he did not hear me. It was when a big piece of ice grazed the skiff and almost tipped me over."

"No wonder you were frightened. You might have been drowned."

"Yes; but then I should be with mother and often I feel as if I should be almost glad to die. It is wicked, I know, but it is said to be so much about. But I won't think of that now. I almost feel as if I might stay half an hour this time unless some pleasant to-day."

And so the poor girl stayed and the time passed away pleasantly indeed. Prudence had no housewifely accomplishments. She could not even do sampler work, while at spinning and weaving she was a novice. She had no one to teach her but the doctor's gloomy old housekeeper, and she would not be bothered with teaching a rich girl, who, she said, had no time to know such things.

The time passed away all too soon, talking as they did of their anticipated visit to Portia, for Prudence was to accompany Priscilla, the doctor being held in great esteem by the Governor, who called the three girls, Portia, Prudence and Priscilla, Three Peas, from the initial letters of their names.

But the ill-starred girl never went again for on her return she was taken with a slight chill and the doctor prepared her a warm drink. She grew worse instead of better and died before nightfall, before the neighbors were apprised of her illness. She did not suffer apparently, but just floated quietly beyond the reach of sight and sound as if going to sleep, and her last words were: "Thank you, uncle, but I think I shall not need anything more. I will go to sleep."

And so the poor, lonely maiden died, with no ministering hand near her except her unloving uncle and the housekeeper, who did not seem to feel her death at all, but rebuked her subservience to the doctor.

As for the latter, what thoughts visited him, or whether, as was affirmed by the neighborhood, he was the cause of her death, no one could tell, nor was it ever proved against him. There was much talk of taking out a warrant for his arrest, but when it came to the point no one was found with sufficient tenacity to be one on whom should be focused the doctor's wrath.

Christian-like to give him a chance. I wish you would of you think there's a shadow of a pious."

No shadow of suspicion seemed to project itself across the mind of any present, or at least any sufficient tangibility to cause a willingness to enter a complaint, and so the matter rested, if any matter can be said to rest which is talked of by everybody and passed through four generations to the present one as a true tale.

So passed from this story the beautiful sweet P, whom her two girls friends mourned as deeply as the young can mourn.

## CHAPTER III

A few weeks later, when the swelling buds of shrub and tree spoke eloquently of coming summer; when the bare, brown places in the wood seemed to exude dainty things like the sweet-scented violets, and the pink-hooded archers, when the sky grew bluer day by day and the clouds whiter and more fleecy; when the rain brought in a night upspringing grass starred with God's flower, the dandelion, to gladden the poor as even the rich are gladdened by their hot-house exotics; when the excessive heat was as far afar off and the grasshopper had not become a burden in the land—then it was that sweet Priscilla Brown went to see Portia Palfrey at Newcastle.

The Governor sent his barouche to meet her at the edge of the nearest town, and as the position riding on the nearest horse of the first pair came into view and the footman jumped down from his perch while the coachman cracked his whip all for the slim, plainly-dressed maiden entering the same gorgeous coach she so well remembered seeing as a child, these various functionaries mentally decided that she was to be the future mistress of the lordly mansion where they humbly served.

The Governor's father, when he purchased the five hundred acres of forest and lowland, minded him to create for himself and his descendants such an estate as he had left in England. There the elder son held sway, and here he, with many thousands of acres left him by his mother, the Lady Anne, would rival, nay, surpass, the magnificence of the family seat. So he built him parks and manor house and surrounded himself and only son with grandeur and state, which at his death the son inherited and amplified.

He possessed the far-seeing mind which induced him to hold what was his even at the loss of a few years of prestige, and now as the first Governor he was in the full sweep of his power, wealth and luxury. A large mansion by negroes, dressed all in scarlet when the Governor and his friends went abroad on the water, lay moored at the landing just below the postern gate, the fine coach and other carriages stood in the courtyard during the day, while fifty retainers, men and women, gave bustle and gorgeous color by their liveries to this old-time picture long since obliterated by the leveling hand of time.

The coach took up Portia, who waited at Lady Longley's for her friend's arrival, and the two girls talked gaily of various matters, both as if by common consent forbearing to speak of Prudence's death, feeling that their first meeting should be joyous rather than sad.

"And so, Portia, you have given Captain Charlton back his troth plight."

"Yes, I have, Priscilla."

"May I ask the reason?" Priscilla spoke in a doubting tone as she looked sideways at her friend's haughty face, over which, however, a flush was slowly dawning.

"You may; but—"

"You will not answer; is that it? Forgive me the question. It was not well put and deserves no answer."

"Nay, Priscilla, do not look so. I did but jest, and if you choose to marry my uncle—"

"But I do not choose. I would rather die," Priscilla lifted her head proudly and looked her friend fully in the face, while an expression of haughty grew on her features. Portia clasped her hands together.

Then spoke the grand dame. "His Excellency is right. You would indeed make a stately mistress as well as a sweet one. But I will not tease you. I know full well you have other thoughts, and I misdoth the handsome English surveyor has something to do with it. Don't look so implacable. Lean forward dear, and let me whisper, the post-boy hear. We are to have a grand fête to-night to honor your arrival, and he is to be present. I asked him myself. There, am I forgiven?" And the stately girl laughed and patted Priscilla's hand. But the latter was not to be appeased so easily, although she felt her heart glow at the thought of meeting Reginald Stanley so soon.

"Fie! Portia, to waste words on the surveyor when you know it is the lieutenant you are thinking! Nay, I know, so don't deny it," and now Prudence was Portia's turn to blush and look conscious.

"See," she exclaimed hastily, "we are here."

With a wave of the hand the coach was dismissed and it rumbled off to the further end of the courtyard where the stables were, while the two maidens ascended the long, stately staircase to the room assigned to Priscilla.

It was a grand apartment, with heavy mullioned windows, bare, polished floors, canopied with a ladder by which to mount it, tapestry hangings to keep out draughts, and a quaint carving in hieroglyphics over the mantel to indicate that the occupant was welcome and expected to sleep well.

The girls did not stop to gossip long, but were soon ready to descend to the drawing-room, where, about the stately apartment, were grouped family portraits, one or two just painted by Stewart, and others dated back to the times of His Excellency's maternal ancestors.

His Excellency had a grand dining-room, where presently his guests were feasted and where they read afterward the inscription over the fire-place mantel which Lady Anne allowed her son to remove intact from her own family mansion:

## VIVE LA LIBERTÉ

"To my best friends are free—  
Free with me and free with me;  
Free to pass the harmless joke,  
And the Tube sedately smoke;  
As at home and at their ease;  
Free to speak, as free to think,  
No informer's with me drink;  
Free to stay a night or so,  
When uneasy, free to go."

The afternoon following the grand dinner was spent in gossiping and walking about the park where the peacocks strutted and the deer flitted about. In the evening the guests began to fill as each after each unloaded bevy of ladies and gay gentlemen at the entrance, many others of the latter class coming on horseback by the valet or negro servants in attendance, while two old dames came in their sedan chairs.

It was a gay scene, and Priscilla, as she often did, contrasted it with the lonely farmhouse, where yet was so much light and cheer. She stood beside Portia and the Governor to assist in receiving the guests and, presently, looking toward the doorway, saw advancing one whose very presence set her heart to beating wildly, while her sweet face failed to the lips. But her gorgeous eyes looked a warmer welcome than she allowed her lips to frame as he bent in courtesy fashion before her.

"How now? So you have met before," said the Governor. "Nay, Mistress Priscilla, but your acquaintance with the gay world will presently outgrow my own. I bid you welcome, fair air, and I myself make you known to some of the fairest ladies present. Lieutenant Digby, I commission you to introduce him to Miss Nancy Longley," and so young Stanley was led off long before he was ready to leave Priscilla's side.

The Governor, who was an astute man in many crafts beside State matters, noted the looks of interest and intense tones of the two, and his heart was torn by envy and jealousy—envy of the youth of this proud gallant and jealousy of the fair girl who had won the fervent love of his life; for never before in the impetuosity of his youth had he experienced the love he now felt for Priscilla. Her coyness, as he was pleased to term it, vexed him, but he said to himself that she would soon give way to the ardor of his suit and become his willing bride. He knew full well the humble life she lived, and although her father bore an honored name and was greatly respected, His Excellency was convinced that the sumptuousness, style and luxury of the gubernatorial mansion could not be without the desired effect on Priscilla's youthful mind. Therefore had he given this opportunity to the notable of the county; therefore had he given Priscilla a foretaste of the honor which she might expect as the Governor's lady.

And now had come across the horizon of his hopes this whisper-snapper, this surveyor-fellow, this hanger-on of Lieutenant Digby! The Governor could scarce find in his vocabulary, apart from profane words, sufficiently opprobrious and dignified young man who had stooped so low over Priscilla's hand that his lips must have brushed it, and then raised his eyes with fervid admiration in them to her fair face, with its pallor and glowing eyes never looked so lovely before to the Governor. He promised himself to watch the young man closely and if His Excellency's face grew dark as he pondered and a baleful light grew and flickered and an expanded into a rare, rich scheme laid itself before him.

For down the river there lay at the present time an English vessel, and on this night, and while it lay there, able-bodied men of the poorer class would scarce dare to step outside their lowly dwellings for fear of the press-gang's bloodcurd. Many the lad who has been abducted by His Majesty's seamen and forced to serve aboard ship. Mutterings in high as well as in low places were gaining force, but at present the press-gang held sway, and before the vessel set sail many a stout young landman would find himself pressed into the English service. If this young man (he was stout and a lusty and hearty; a few years of seafaring life would not hurt him), should be fallen upon, say to-night, by the two or three sturdy fellows he had seen loitering by the wharves and alleys, why, then, Mistress Priscilla would lose a lover and be a troublesome rival, and gain a beautiful wife in the near future.

The detail of this scheme, as I say, intruded itself upon his mind, but it lacked consistency until he overheard (not by chance but by skillful manoeuvre) some words which passed between the two—Priscilla and her lover.

Later in the evening he saw them pass into a small apartment near the dancing-room, and he recollected a closet at the father and which he could enter from the rear of the house, so, hurrying thither, he entered it just as the two began to speak of their meeting in the forest and the peril from which she was rescued. There was no decisive love-making, but the listener was not unim-

ful of the tones which spoke so much more loudly than words, and when the young man said ardently, "You know not how I have longed for this time!" and she failed to reply at all, he could imagine the shy looks in her eyes and the deep love in his, until he gnashed his teeth in anger at his impotency, hid there in a closet in his own grand mansion while they dallied and philandered at their ease.

When he left his concealment he went directly to the stables and desired that his valet be sent to him in his study. Presently the servant came and was immediately dispatched with a message to a member of the gang whose name chance had to come to his ears only the day before.

"You will probably find him at the sign of The Bear in the tap room. Tell him the Governor desires his presence, and do you bring him yourself to this room in ten minutes time, and, sirrah!"

"Yes, Your Excellency." In ten minutes time a sleek, wily individual of powerful muscles and rolling gait came into His Excellency's study, and pulling his forelock, desired to know the cause of his summons. Signing his valet to leave the room, the Governor said in his grandest manner:

"I know your officers well, or used to do in times past, and I am minded to do them a favor. A young friend of mine has taken to wild ways and vexes his family beyond endurance. Now they think that a few years of strict discipline such as he would get aboard ship, would do him the greatest good, and thus I have been asked to see that he was pressed into service. It is a secret, mind, and if it ever leaks out will bring you into trouble."

"And you too, sir, I take it," said the man, with tipsy impudence. The Governor frowned.

"Nay, not me, for I only speak for the young man's relatives."

"But how shall we know him?"

"I will show you. Here, throw this long cloak over your garments, and I will point him out to you from the hall. You must stand in the shadow."

"Aye, aye, sir." And so presently Reginald Stanley looking into the hall, saw, gazing straight at himself, two searching, glowing eyes, fixed in a strange face which belonged to a form he could not see. Near by stood the Governor, and it almost seemed as if he leaned slightly forward to whisper to the man, but he said to himself that he must have been mistaken, as the next moment the man was gone and the Governor approached him to engage in courteous conversation.

The assembly broke up late, and the bustle of departure lasted a half hour or more.

Lieutenant Digby and Reginald Stanley went away together, when presently a man overtook them and desired that the former tarry a few moments while his master, a friend of the lieutenant's, came up, as he (the friend) had a matter of great importance to broach to him.

"It is a secret, my master bid me say," said the man.

"Then I will hasten on while you speak to him," said Stanley.

"Gad zoeks! but it is odd. I misdoth me it is a lark."

"No, it is not a lark," said the man earnestly.

"Very well. Go back and tell your

master I will wait, but as it is late he must not expect me to tarry long for his coming."

The man hurried away, and Reginald went on, only to fall into an ambush of seamen who felled him with a blow and then raised more blows upon him until he was unconscious. He was prevented from crying out by a heavy cloak being wrapped tightly about his head.

He had struggled so fiercely that the men were more harsh than they desired to be, and it was late in the morning ere he came to a sense of recollection of all which had befallen him. One of the officers of the ship came to be well known to him and was greatly surprised to find in the captured man one of high standing, for the custom was to press into service only those of the lowly sort. Reginald's expostulations were not those of a feeble order, as may be supposed, and by their vehemence induced the young officer to consult his superiors.

He found, as he supposed, that they were as ignorant as himself, that the captured man had been returning from the Governor's fête where he was a guest and that he was a close friend of Lieutenant Digby.

So the matter was inquired into, when the facts so damaging to the Governor came to the surface, and at the knowledge of his treachery to a guest and double dealing generally, they were much incensed. Reginald was released on the spot, fully enlightened as to what the Governor's intentions were.

And so less than twenty-four hours after the capture of his rival, the Governor had the torturing experience of meeting the young man face to face in his afternoon ramble. Reginald took to his heels and made a low bow to his dogmatic enemy as he said, politely: "I wish Your Excellency a very good morning and that your plans may prosper better in the future."

"Zoonds! what do you mean? I have no plans that have gone amiss."

"Then Captain Tenney of the Mistress Mary spoke falsely, and as it was of a matter that only occurred over night, I wonder he should do so."

"So do I, so do I. And I should like nothing better than to horsewhip the scoundrel. I had nothing to do with the matter."

"What matter, Your Excellency?"

"Why, of your being carried aboard ship by the press-gang."

"It was you who named it, Your Excellency. I said nothing about press-gangs," and with a low bow, Reginald left the Governor to his reflections, which were of the utmost chagrin at his folly as well as of fear at the result.

I might make this story of the old time much longer by reciting the love of Lieutenant Digby and Portia until the courtship reached its happy conclusion by a grand wedding at which the Governor gave away the bride and at which Priscilla attended out of love for her friend; but she was not a guest at the gubernatorial mansion this time, having received from her lover a full recital of the Governor's perfidy.

And I might write of the happy courtship of Reginald and Priscilla, but I will not, for it was not eventful from this time onward, but as simply idyllic as may well be imagined. The wedding was very quiet, and the young couple kept house in an unostentatious manner in the town of Newcastle, the house, or the site of it, being shown to this day, for in the course of time Reginald Stanley became a man of great wealth and standing in the republic. The Governor never forgave the young couple, but it mattered not to them nor to the people, and there were many who knew the real reason of his hatred of them. In time His Excellency married a widow possessed of much beauty, money and temper, who led him a life not to his wick-

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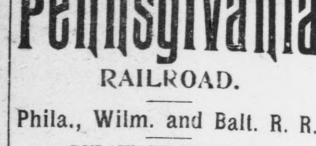
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